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Response to Restriction Requirement Under 35 USC 121

This is a response to the Official Action mailed by the US Patent Office on June 27, 2002. In that Action, a three-way restriction requirement was made. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

Notwithstanding the traversal, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of Group II (i.e., claims 10-20).

Regarding Applicants' traversal, it is respectfully submitted that, since there is a common thread running through all three groups of claims, the claims of Groups I and III should be considered with those of Group II. Specifically, when reviewing the patentability of the claims from any of the groups, the same art would need to be considered. Therefore, by dividing up the claims, the searching burden on the Patent Office will increase.